NEWS

No Kings rally draws more than 800 people to Winchester

NELL ESCOBAR COAKLEY | STAFF WRITER

October 19, 2025 . 4:36 PM — 2 min read

A look at the crowd gathered in front of the Winchester Unitarian Society on Main Street for the No Kings rally on Oct. 18. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/FRANK SITEMAN

A crowd of more than 800 people gathered in front of the Winche
Unitarian Society church on Oct. 18 for a second No Kings Day ra

Subscribe

Protestors with signs and banners gathered at 478 Main St. early in the morning to “push back against authoritarian threats to democratic values,” according to Indivisible Winchester’s (IndivisibleWIN) press release announcing the event.

A similar rally in June drew about 400 plus protestors to the same spot in Winchester. About 5 million people nationwide joined the June protests.

Winchester residents were joined by others from nearby communities to protest the Trump adminisetration during a No Kings rally on Oct. 18. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/FRANK SITEMAN

On Saturday, about 2,700 No Kings events were planned across all 50 states to protest the administration of President Donald Trump. Winchester residents were joined by people from other communities, including members of Indivisible LAB (Lexington, Arlington, Bedford and beyond).

IndivisibleWIN stated that June’s protest affirmed “that democracy belongs to the people — not to one ruler or one party — and to send a powerful message of resistance against the erosion of democratic norms under the current administration.”

Subscribe

"We were inspired by the energy and commitment of our neighbors who turned out in June," said Kim Whittaker, treasurer of Indivisible Winchester, in a statement before the rally. "On Oct. 18, we'll gather again — louder, prouder, and determined to show that residents of Winchester and beyond believe our democracy is under threat and we are committed to protecting our norms and institutions."

The nokings.org website estimated that more than 7 million people joined in all the rallies "to say: America has no kings, and the power belongs to the people."

Donate today!

What's next?

On Monday, Oct. 20, join Indivisible Winchester for "Activism That Works!" at the Winchester Public Library, 80 Washington St., from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and learn how your activism can be more effective and impactful!

This 90-minute session will combine theory and real-world examples to help you understand what works best in social activism today. The conversation will focus on:

• Identifying primary and secondary targets of advocacy efforts

• Building alliances with unlikely partners and engaging passive supporters

• Creating culturally resonant and creative tactics to energize your campaigns

Led by two experienced social justice activists and scholars, Betsy Wright, PhD and Anne Wright, this workshop encourages active

Subscribe

participation, critical thinking, and practical application of strategies for meaningful change.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, nokings.org will host a virtual meeting from 8-9 p.m., eastern time, to "celebrate what we accomplished, and learn about what's next."

Click here to register.

Winchester News was onsite during the Oct. 18 rally. Check back for more coverage as the week goes on.

Nell Escobar Coakley has been a journalist for more than 30 years. She is co-founder and editor-in-chief of Gotta Know Medford and editor of Winchester News. She can be reached at editor@winchesternews.org.

Winchester News is a non-profit organization supported by our community. If you appreciate having local Winchester news, please donate to support our work, and subscribe to our free weekly newsletter. Copyright 2025 Winchester News Group, Inc. Copying and sharing with written permission only.

Related

Subscribe

NEWS

Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

WILL DOWD | STAFF WRITER
March 4, 2026

NEWS

Rep. Michael Day helps House colleagues pass sweeping energy affordability bill

The following was submitted by the Office of Rep. Michael S. Day: Rep. Michael S. Day and his colleagues in the House of Representatives recently passed energy affordability legislation that would result in over $9 billion in savings for utility ratepayers over the next 10 years. The bill maintains critical

March 4, 2026

NEWS

Winchester gun owners face new training rules starting April 2

Public safety data How Winchester compares on firearms licenses in comparable Massachusetts communities Active licenses

NEWS

Sen. Jason Lewis, Mass. Senate strengthen fair housing protections for rente

Subscribe

The following was submitted by the Office of Sen. Jason Lewis: State Sen. Jason Lewis

as of Jan. 25, 2025 — Source: Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board License to carry firearms Firearms identification card Winchester and Marblehead are the focus communities. Peers selected based on comparable population size, demographics and suburban

WILL DOWD | STAFF WRITER
March 4, 2026

joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass legislation that protects residents from discrimination in the housing market as the Trump administration abandons its enforcement of the federal Fair Housing Act. Illegal discrimination continues

March 3, 2026

Latest

NEWS

Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

WILL DOWD | STAFF WRITER
March 4, 2026

FEATURES

'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. Set in the 1920s, this iconic production is sure to leave the audience wanting more. Performances will

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
March 4, 2026

Subscribe

EVENTS

Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

March 4, 2026

NEWS

Rep. Michael Day helps House colleagues pass sweeping energy affordability bill

The following was submitted by the Office of Rep. Michael S. Day: Rep. Michael S. Day and his colleagues in the House of Representatives recently passed energy affordability legislation that would result in over $9 billion in savings for utility ratepayers over the next 10 years. The bill maintains critical

March 4, 2026

WINCHESTER NEWS
A TRUSTED AND RELIABLE SOURCE OF LOCAL NEWS

Subscribe to Winchester News

Subscribe

© 2026 Winchester News Group, Inc. Copying and sharing with permission for non-commercial use only.

Subscribe